

86th New Jersey State FFA Convention

At-A-Glance

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015

- 1:00 – Registration**
3:00 pm *Residence Halls*
- 1:00 – Convention Practice**
3:00 pm *Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*
- 1:00 – Agricultural Education Advisory**
3:00 pm **Council Meeting**
Samuel Hays Magill Commons – Club Dining Room
- 1:00 pm** **Nominating Committee Orientation**
Pollak Theatre 139
Mr. Eric Nelson, Adult Coordinator & Ms. Lauren Fillebrown, NJ FFA Executive Committee
- 2:00 – Recreation – Optional for Early**
4:00 pm Arrivals – William T. Boylan Gymnasium
Basketball, volleyball & pool
- 3:00 pm** **Talent Meeting/Practice**
Pollak Theatre, Auditorium
(mandatory for all talent)
- 3:00 pm** **Official Ceremonies CDE**
Bey Hall, Room 128
Mr. Brian Dalbow, Coordinator
- 3:00 pm** **FFA Quiz Bowl**
Bey Hall, Rooms 228 & 229
Ms. Heather White, Coordinator
- 3:00 pm** **Teach Agriculture Event**
Bey Hall, Room 231
Mr. Frank Yesalavich, Coordinator
- 3:00 pm** **Preliminary Creed Speaking***
Bey Hall, Rooms 132 & 133
Ms. Nichole Steward, Coordinator
Ms. Jessica McCosker, Coordinator
**Creed Finals will take place in Room 132 30 minutes after Prelims*
- 3:00 pm** **Teach Agriculture Event**
Bey Hall, Room 231
Mr. Frank Yesalavich, Coordinator

- 3:00 pm Agricultural Issues Forum**
Bey Hall, Room 129
Mr. Richard Belcher, Coordinator
- 3:00 pm Portable Exhibit Set-Up**
Bey Hall, 1st Floor
- 3:00 pm Art Competition Set-Up**
Bey Hall, Room 227
- 3:00 pm Landscape Design Set-Up by Finalists**
Bey Hall, Room 226
- 3:00 pm State Officer Candidates and Nominating Committee Meeting**
Pollak Theatre, Room 135
- 3:30 pm Leadership Workshop**
“SAE Opportunities”
Bey Hall 113, Young Auditorium
Ms. Kristen Schmidt, National FFA Central Region Vice President
- 4:00 pm Courtesy Corps Meeting**
Pollak Theatre, Auditorium
Ms. Delaney Gray, Coordinator
- 5:00 – Dinner – Magill Commons**
5:45 pm
- 5:30 pm Star Placement, Star Agribusiness & Star Farmer Interviews**
Bey Hall, Room 132
Mr. Randy Trivette, Coordinator
- 5:45 pm Agricultural Education Teachers/Chaperones Meeting & NJAAE Meeting**
Young Auditorium, Bey Hall 113
Mrs. Nancy Trivette, Ms. Debra McCluskey and Mr. John Neyhart
- 6:00 pm Judging of Applications**
Bey Hall, Room 126
(Scrapbook)
Mrs. Jessica Wilke, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Judging of Applications**
Bey Hall, Room 130
(Agricultural Awareness, Secretary of the Year, and Treasurer of the Year)
Mr. Brian Bass, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Hall of States Exhibit Event**
Bey Hall, Rooms 230
Mr. Gaspar Hernandez, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Judging of Portable Exhibits**
Bey Hall, 1st Floor
Mr. Gaspar Hernandez, Coordinator

6:00 pm Judging of Art Competition

Bey Hall, Room 227

Mrs. Allison Mains, Coordinator

6:00 pm Landscape Design

Bey Hall, Room 226

Mr. Richard Alomar, Coordinator

6:00 pm Marketing Plan CDE

Bey Hall, Room 128

Mr. Bill Walker, Coordinator

6:00 pm Leadership Workshop

“Roots to Fruits”

2nd Floor Concourse, MAC

Ms. Kristen Schmidt, National FFA Central Region Vice President

6:00 pm Delegate Workshop

Pollak Theatre

Ms. Kristianne Dowd, State President & Ms. Kelly Gangel, State Vice President

7:15 pm Delegates Seated

7:15 pm Courtesy Corps Meeting

7:30 pm SESSION I

“ACTIVATE YOUR FUTURE”

POLLAK THEATRE AUDITORIUM

***Presiding: Kristianne Dowd,
State FFA President***

Opening Ceremony

Introduction of Guests

Welcome to Monmouth University

Greetings from the New Jersey Department of Agriculture

Honorable Douglas H. Fisher,

Secretary of Agriculture

Blue Jackets. Bright Futures.

FFA Jacket Presentation

Keynote Address

“Going All In”

Mr. Gian Paul Gonzalez

Introduction of State Officer Candidates and Nominating Committee

FFA Foundation Report

Mr. Frank Yesalavich, Chair

2015 New Jersey FFA Scholarship Presentations

Sponsored through New Jersey FFA Foundation through Special Projects

- New Jersey FFA Alumni Scholarships
- Bilinski Senior Award
- Harry S. Schnieber Memorial Scholarship
- John Cummings Memorial Scholarship
- Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship
- Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship
- Phillip Alampi Memorial Scholarship
- Taylor Jelliffe Scholarship
- Washington Grange #117 Scholarship
- David Seeley Memorial Scholarship
- C. Fred Lorenzo Scholarship
- William G. Smith Memorial Scholarship
- Roszel Scholarship
- James Sheaffer Memorial Scholarship
- Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship
- William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship
- Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship
- Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship
- Warren Cook Memorial Scholarship
- May L. Gerlack Memorial Scholarship
- Michael Anema Memorial Scholarships
- Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarships
- Alpha Delta Epsilon Fraternity Scholarships

National FFA Scholarship Recognition

National FFA Convention & Expo Scholarship

Greetings from the National

FFA Organization

Ms. Kristen Schmidt, National FFA Central Region Vice President

“Just Be G.O.O.D”

Retiring Address

Ms. Kelly Gangel, State Vice President

Special Recognition

Introduction of Courtesy Corps

Mr. Sam Rubinstein, Coordinator

State Convention Rules

Closing Ceremony

9:30 – Recreation & Ice Cream Social

10:30 pm *William T. Boylan Gymnasium*

11:00 pm **Lights Out**

Thursday, MAY 21, 2015

7:00 – Breakfast – Magill Commons
8:00 am

7:30 am State Officer Meeting

8:15 am Delegates Seated
Courtesy Corps Meeting

8:30 am SESSION II
“CREATE YOUR PURPOSE”
POLLAK THEATRE AUDITORIUM
Presiding: Sean Hamner, State Sentinel

Opening Ceremony

Introduction of Guests

Greetings from New Jersey State Board of Education
Mr. Mark Biedron, President

Art Competition Awards
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Official Ceremonies Event Awards
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Landscape Design Event Awards Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

Greetings from NJDA Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources
Ms. Monique Purcell, Division Director

“Who Do You See in the Mirror?”
Retiring Address
Mr. Kyle Fisher, State Parliamentarian
Special Recognition

8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition

Outstanding Community Service Award
Sponsored by New Jersey FFA Foundation

Statewide Community Service Project Recognition

“Find the Gold Within You”
Retiring Address
Benjamin Wainwright, State Treasurer
Special Recognition

Agriscience Fair Awards
Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

Horticultural Exposition Best of Division Recognition

Closing Ceremony

10:00 am PUBLIC SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Members and guests should select and attend one of following public speaking events:

3-5 Minute Public Speaking

Pollak Theatre, Auditorium

Mrs. Dawn Edmonds, Coordinator

6-8 Minute Public Speaking

Bey Hall, Young Auditorium

Mr. Joseph Goodenough, Coordinator

Extemporaneous Speaking

Bey Hall, Room 132

Mrs. Liz Thompson, Coordinator

10:00 am Preliminary Team Demonstration Event*

Bey Hall, Room 230 & 231

Ms. Jessica McCosker, Coordinator

Mr. David Watts, Coordinator

**Finals will be held in Room 230*

at 1:00 pm

10:00 am COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Hort Expo Review and Evaluation

Bey Hall, Room 129

State Officer: Kelly Gangel

Constitution, Bylaws and Program of Activities

TBA

State Officer: Kristianne Dowd

State Leadership Activities

Bey Hall, Room 226

State Officer: Benjamin Wainwright

State Convention Evaluation

Bey Hall, Room 126

State Officer: Sean Hamner

Membership and Chapter Relations

Bey Hall, Room 228

State Officer: Hope Cahill

CDE Review and Evaluation

Bey Hall, Room 128

State Officer: Jenna Pinhas

State FFA Applications

Bey Hall, Room 227

State Officer: Kyle Fisher

11:45 am Lunch – Magill Commons

12:30 – Recreation –

2:00 pm *Residence Hall Quad & in front of Elmwood (sand volleyball pit)*

1:00 pm Leadership Workshop

“Life is a Highway”

Bey Hall 113, Young Auditorium

Ms. Kristen Schmidt, National FFA Central Region Vice President

1:00 pm Job Interview Event

Bey Hall, Room 227

Mrs. Natalie Huebler, Coordinator

1:00 pm Charles C. Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Event *Bey Hall, Room 132*

Mrs. Liz Thompson, Coordinator

1:00 pm Individual Demonstration Event

Bey Hall, Room 130

Mr. Brett Speakman, Coordinator

1:00 pm Team Demonstration Event Finals

Bey Hall, Room 230

Ms. Jessica McCosker, Coordinator

1:00 pm DELEGATE BUSINESS SESSION*

Pollak Theatre, Auditorium

Presiding:

Ms. Kristianne Dowd, State President

Roll Call:

Ms. Jenna Pinhas, State Secretary

Approval of Convention Agenda:

Ms. Hope Cahill, State Reporter

National FFA Constitutional Amendment Proposal #1:

Ms. Kelly Gangel, State Vice President

National FFA Constitutional Amendment Proposal #2:

Mr. Sean Hamner, State Sentinel

State FFA Constitutional & By-Laws Amendment Proposal:

Mr. Kyle Fisher, State Parliamentarian

Program Affiliation Fee Structure:

Mr. Benjamin Wainwright, State Treasurer

Standing Committee Reports

- Hort Expo Review and Evaluation
- CDE Review and Evaluation
- Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities
- State Leadership Activities
- State Convention Evaluation
- State Applications
- Membership and Chapter Relations

Business Session Concludes

**Delegate business session will continue after Session IV if needed*

2:30 pm

SESSION III

“SHATTER EXPECTATIONS”

POLLAK THEATRE AUDITORIUM

***Presiding: Benjamin Wainwright,
State Treasurer***

Opening Ceremony

Introduction of Guests

Public Speaking Awards

Creed Speaking

Sponsored by New Jersey FFA Foundation and National FFA Foundation

3-5 Minute Public Speaking

Sponsored by New Jersey Farm Bureau

6-8 Minute Public Speaking

Sponsored by New Jersey FFA Foundation, National FFA Foundation and New Jersey Farm Bureau

Extemporaneous Speaking Sponsored by New Jersey FFA Foundation and National FFA Foundation

Agricultural Issues Forum Awards

Sponsored by NJ Farm Bureau

“Fate Finds a Way”

Retiring Address

Ms. Hope Cahill, State Reporter

Special Recognition

NJ FFA Advisor of the Year Award

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Teach Agriculture Event Awards

Sponsored by New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators

Greetings from New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators

Mr. John Neyhart, NJAAE President

Agricultural Awareness Awards

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Chapter Scrapbook Awards

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

Marketing Plan Awards

Sponsored by NJ Soybean Board

Hall of States Event Award

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Portable Exhibit Event Awards

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Presentation

First Place Prepared 6-8 Minute Public Speaker

Harry Schnieber Treasurer of the Year Award

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year Award

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

“Live Like You’re Dying”

Retiring Address

Ms. Jenna Pinhas, State Secretary

Special Recognition

Princeton Agricultural Association Leadership Award

Closing Ceremony

4:30 *Members and guests should select and attend one of following events:*

- *CDE Awards Ceremony/Talent Review*
- *Student Leadership Workshop*

4:30 **CDE AWARDS/TALENT REVIEW**

“THRIVE”

POLLAK THEATRE AUDITORIUM

Presiding: Hope Cahill, State Reporter

Opening Ceremony

Presented by 1st place

Official Ceremonies Team

Talent Performance

Career Development Event Awards

(Recipients, please sit in designated areas)

The NJ FFA Association and NJ FFA Foundation fund banners and medals for all first place teams and individuals. The National FFA Foundation sponsors plaques.

Summer/Misc. CDEs

Dairy Cattle Evaluation

Dairy Cattle Handlers'

Food Science & Technology

Horse Evaluation

Livestock Evaluation

Poultry Evaluation

Talent Performance

Fall CDEs

Fruits & Vegetables

Land Judging

Milk Quality & Products

Turf Management

FFA Creed

Presented by 1st Place Contestant

Winter CDEs

Farm Business Management

Floral Design

Forestry

Meat Evaluation

Talent Performance

Spring CDEs

Agricultural Sales

Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems

Environmental & Natural Resources

Floriculture

Nursery/Landscape

Veterinary Science

Talent Performance

National Sweepstakes Recognition

- Chapter

- Individual

Closing Ceremony

4:30 pm Student Leadership Workshop

"Speak Ag"

Bey Hall, Young Auditorium

Ms. Kristen Schmidt, National FFA Central Region Vice President

5:45 – **Dinner – *Magill Commons***
6:45 pm

7:15 pm **Delegates seated**

7:15 pm **Courtesy Corps Meeting**

7:30 pm **SESSION IV**
“AMPLIFY EXCELLENCE”
POLLAK THEATRE AUDITORIUM
Presiding: Kelly Gangel, State Vice President

Opening Ceremony

Introduction of Guests

Keynote Address

“See It”

Ms. Kristen Schmidt, National FFA Central Region Vice President

NJ FFA Member of the Month & Member of the Year Awards Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

Charles C. Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Awards Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

American FFA Degree Candidate Recognition

Greetings from the Office of Agricultural Education

Mrs. Nancy J. Trivette, State Program Leader, Agricultural Education/State FFA Advisor

Honorary Garden State FFA Degree Ceremony

Job Interview Awards

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

Demonstration Event Awards

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

“Awesomely Average”

Retiring Address

Mr. Sean Hamner, State Sentinel

Special Recognition

Annual Report of New Jersey FFA Association

Closing Ceremony

9:30 pm **Delegate Business Session**
(if needed)

9:30 – FFA Dance
11:30 pm MAC 2nd Floor, Concourse Level
(All Members Must Attend)

12:00 am Lights Out

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2015

7:00 – Breakfast – Magill Commons
8:00 am

8:15 am Delegates seated
Courtesy Corps Meeting

8:30 am SESSION V
“BREAK THROUGH LIMITS”
POLLAK THEATRE AUDITORIUM
Presiding: Jenna Pinhas, State Secretary & Kyle Fisher, State Parliamentarian

Opening Ceremony

Introduction of Guests

Reflections – “We are FFA”

Chapter Challenge Award
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Star State Chapter Awards
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Star State Greenhand Award
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Chapter Evaluation Awards

- Superior Chapter Recognition
- National Emblem Chapters
- Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation
- Most Improved Chapter Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

State Proficiency Award Presentations
Sponsored through National FFA Foundation

Greetings from Office of Career and Technical Education
Mrs. Marie Barry, Director

National Officer Candidate Introduction

H.O. Sampson Award Program Recognition

New Jersey FFA Alumni Report

- WLC Scholarship
- FFA Quiz Bowl Awards
- Lifetime Membership Ceremony

Mr. James Ferguson, NJ FFA Alumni
President

Best Dressed Chapter Award

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Essay Event Awards

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

FFA Week Awards

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Greetings from Rutgers University

Ms. Laura Lawson, Dean of Agricultural and Urban Programs

Distinguished Service Awards

Convention Recognition

- Convention Assistants
- Stage Decorations
- Courtesy Corps

State FFA Executive Board Recognition

Talent Performance

Garden State FFA Degree Recipients

(please sit in designated seating)

Garden State FFA Degree Ceremony

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Star State in Agricultural Placement Award

Sponsored by National FFA Foundation

Star State Farmer Award

Sponsored by National FFA Foundation

“Anything But Normal”

Retiring Address

Ms. Kristianne Dowd, State President
Special Recognition

Nominating Committee Report

Nominating Committee Chair

Election of 2015 – 2016

New Jersey FFA Officers

“A Tradition of Excellence”

Past New Jersey State FFA Officer Presentation

Installation of 2015 – 2016

New Jersey FFA Officers

86th State FFA Convention in Review

Remarks by 2015 – 2016

State FFA President

Closing Ceremony

11:15 am 2015 – 2016 Officer Team Photo

Pollak Theatre, Auditorium

11:30 am Check Out – Maplewood, Redwood, Oakwood & Mullaney Residence Halls

12:15 – 2014 – 2015 and 2015 – 2016

1:00 pm State Officer Luncheon & Meeting (*Casual dress*)

Pollak Theatre

1:00 – 2015 – 2016 State FFA

3:00 pm New State Officer Meeting

Pollak Theatre, Room 135